

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary before the presidential election is an example of the excess of media consolidation. Only a company with such far reach could control a program for so many affiliates, and only a company grown arrogant from lax regulation could consider such a one-sided political program to be appropriate to the public interest.

The media monopolies are a threat to democracy and the FCC, as the first line of defense, should be doing more to point the way in the direction of corporate responsibility toward balanced political coverage and the rights of smaller companies and the opinions of diverse groups..

Thank you for your attention.